PEQUEA VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD
Monthly Meeting
June 13, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Pequea Valley School Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Fred Hertzler in the District Office Board Room. Members present were, Michael Fisher, Mike Hartmann, Freida Huyard, Ben Ingles, Casey Rohrer, Steve Riehl, and Steve Temple. Bryant Ferris was absent. Also present were Erik Orndorff, Rich Eby, John Bowden, Derek Sweigart, Cathy Koenig, Gavin Scalyer, and Bob Bell.

Participation by the Public – Bob Bell, Paradise, commented on the potential well at Paradise Elementary School for HDC.

Liaison Reports

- Facilities & Grounds – Fred Hertzler
- IU13 Board of Directors – Michael Fisher
- Curriculum & Instruction – Steve Temple
- First Choice – Mike Hartmann

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Mr. Temple and a second by Mr. Ingles, the Board approved the June 3, 2024, Committee Meeting minutes.

Motion carried: Voting yes: Fisher, Hartmann, Hertzler, Huyard, Ingles, Riehl, Rohrer, Temple; No: 0; Absent: Ferris.

Chief Of Finance & Operations Recommendations:

On a motion by Mr. Hartmann and a second by Mr. Riehl, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda Items A-Y. (rc)

A. The 2024-2025 Final General Fund Budget in the amount of $45,997,746.

B. The Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution.

C. The 2024 Annual Tax Levy Resolution for the fiscal year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

D. To transfer General Fund balances in excess of 8% to Capital Reserve.

E. For the Chief of Finance and Operations to make budgetary transfers as necessary for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

F. To offer voluntary student accident insurance plan (24-hour coverage) as presented by A-G Administrators, Inc. for the 2024-2025 school year.

G. A contract with Mazzitti & Sullivan to provide employee assistance services for the 2024-2025 fiscal year at a cost of $16.00 per employee per contract year.

H. A resolution opting out of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act.

I. A resolution to enter into an agreement with Conestoga Valley School District to share transportation director services for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

J. The food service budget for the 2024-2025 school year, with expected revenues of $1,014,580 and expenditures of $850,130. Adult Lunches – $4.75 and Milk - $0.70.

K. An Agreement with Celerity for fiber network construction at PVHS, at a cost of $41,465.

L. A site license for the EdInsight Data Management System through OnHand Schools, Inc., at a cost of $16,857.89.

M. Approval of library purchases for Paradise and Salisbury Elementary Schools.

N. A Memorandum of Understanding between PVSD and Messiah University to provide high school learners the opportunity to enroll in off-campus courses, effective June 13, 2024, and as long as both parties wish to continue the dual enrollment program.

O. A PV Pre-Apprenticeship Program with three businesses; Manufacturers' Association Technology (MAT), Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC), Associated Builders & Contractors (ABC), to be included in the 2024-2025 school year curriculum guide.

P. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Pequea Valley School District and Community Action Partnership of Lancaster County to provide Head Start/Thrive-to-Five services for children and families served, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, at no cost to the district.

Q. To approve the use of space for Restore Counseling at PVHS, PVIS, Salisbury Elementary, and Paradise Elementary for them to provide individual/family counseling during the school day at no cost.

R. Approval of a contract with Pennsylvania Counseling Services to provide student assistance services (SAP) for four days per week for the 2024-2025 school year, at a cost of $30,560.

S. An Agreement with Winner's Circle Center, Inc. to provide services for Pequea Valley learners for the 2024-2025 school year, at a cost of $200 per day.

T. A contract with New Story Schools for one Pequea Valley learner to receive special education support during the 2024-2025 school year, at a cost of $447/day, based on enrollment.

U. A contract with Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 for the following services for the 2024-2025 school year:

- Special Education.....$1,082,955.85
- Speech and Language $9,695.00
- Occupational and Physical Therapy.....$8,310.00
- Job Training Services.....$29,160.00
- Paraprofessional Services $370,575.00

V. Memorandums of Understanding between PVSD and The Factory Ministries, July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, for the following shared positions:

A. Full-time Director of Early Learning, not to exceed $65,528.12, funded through Title IV.
B. Director of Elementary Advocacy, not to exceed $15,000, funded through Title IV.
C. Early Learning Advocate, not to exceed $3,500, funded through Title IV.
D. Adult Advocate, not to exceed $25,000, funded through Title I.

W. A Memorandum of Understanding between PVSD and Pennsylvania Chapter Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC) for learners participating in the pre-apprenticeship program, effective for the 2024-2025 school year, at a cost of $1,300 per learner.

X. Special Education contracts with Eastern Lancaster County School District for the 2024–2025 school year:

- Full-time autistic support and transitional services for 9 learners at a cost of $47,966 per learner.
- Full-time life skills and transition services for 9 learners at a cost of $25,157 per learner.
- Full-time multiple disabilities support services for 1 learner at a cost of $57,150.
- Learning support services for 1 learner at a cost of $28,355.

Supplemental services will be billed as follows: speech and language therapy services at $95/hour, occupational therapy services at $95/hour, physical therapy services at $95.00/hour, job training services at actual cost. Hourly wage for classroom assistant/personal care assistants, if needed, and hourly wage for personal care assistants at the number of hours a week, times the number of weeks in the school year plus 20 hours of training per year.

Y. A change order for temporary conditioning of the new building at a cost of $100,000 per month as needed

Motion carried: Voting yes: Fisher, Hartmann, Hertzler, Huyard, Ingles, Riehl, Rohrer, Temple; No: 0; Absent: Ferris.

Superintendent's Recommendations:

On a motion by Mr. Fisher and a second by Mr. Ingles, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda Items A-B. (rc)

A. Staff salary schedule for 2024-2025.

B. Personnel.

Retirements:

William Brown, Custodian and Maintenance Support, 13 years at PV, effective August 1, 2024.
Robin McCracken, Nurse, PVIS and PVHS, 22 years at PV, effective September 5, 2024.

Childrearing Leave:

Lauren Heister, after exhaustion of approved FMLA; return will be the first day of the second semester of the 2024-2025 school year.

Appointments:

Bryce Burns, Emotional Support Learning Facilitator, Salisbury Elementary School, effective August 6, 2024.
Salary: $79,772 (M+30, Step 10)
Angela Nemshick, Kindergarten Learning Facilitator, Paradise Elementary School, effective August 6, 2024.
Salary: $64,847 (B, Step 1)
Mariah Kauffman, STEM camp assistant, PVIS, $13/hour, six hours/day, effective June 17 through June 20, 2024.

Tenure:

- Matthew Cockrum, 5th Grade Learning Facilitator, Paradise
- Kathryn Hahn, Kindergarten Learning Facilitator, Salisbury
- Joy Lewis, Nurse, Paradise and Salisbury
- Valerie Loch, 6th Grade Learning Facilitator, Paradise
- Robert Peterson, Emotional Support Learning Facilitator, Paradise
- Adrian Whitmore, 3rd Grade Learning Facilitator, Paradise

Motion carried: Voting yes: Fisher, Hartmann, Hertzler, Huyard, Ingles, Riehl, Rohrer, Temple; No: 0; Absent: Ferris.

Old Business - None

New Business

A. Agenda Topics for the August 6, 2024, Committee meeting:

- Building Project Update
- Current Enrollment

No further business was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Fred Hertzler
Vice-President

John A. Bowden
Secretary